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# **Speaker profiles**





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Dr Theingi Myint is an Agricultural Economist working in the field of rural development especially agricultural marketing, project planning and management and socioeconomic assessment. She has a PhD in Agricultural Economics within the Sandwich Program of Justus Liegburg University, Giessen, Germany and Yezin Agricultural University. For her PhD, she had done the research on "Myanmar Rice Market: Market Integration and Price Causality". She started her career in Yezin Agricultural University since 1992. She has more than 24 years of work experiences in University and rural development projects with some International Organizations such as ICRISAT, SEARCA, IRRI, CSEAS-Kyoto University, ACIAR, FAO, World Bank, ADB, ERIA, IDE-Jetro, and HELVETAS during which she has gained experiences in rural agricultural marketing, socioeconomic impact assessment, sustainable livelihood development, sustainable agricultural development, labor migration management and gender. Since January 2014, she is working as Coordinator of ACIAR Project: "Strengthening Institutional Capacity, Extension Services and Rural Livelihoods in the Central Dry Zone and Ayeyarwady Delta Regions of Myanmar" and "Increasing Productivity of Legumebased Farming Systems in the Central Dry Zone of Myanmar" up to 2017. At the meantime, she is working as an Associate Professor of Department of Agricultural Economics, Yezin Agricultural University, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.



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Dr Nyein Nyein Htwe, Associate Professor from Department of Agronomy, Yezin Agricultural University, is graduated from Yezin Agricultural University in the field of field crop production. After graduation, she joined to Department of Agriculture as an extension agent. In 1996, she was appointed as a demonstrator in Department of Agronomy, YAU. Now she is working as an associate professor since 2014. She continued her postgraduate study and got Master Degree specialized in Agricultural Extension Education in 2001. In 2010, she finished her PhD study from King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Thailand in the area of post-harvest Technology. She got Crawford Fellowship award 2016 and developed new curriculum and syllabus for agricultural extension under the supervision of Australian Professors. She is doing researches in collaboration with JICA, ACIAR and other local and international organizations.

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Starting from May 2015, he moved to Vientiane, Laos PDR, to take part to a regional project (Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar) addressing the promotion of agroecology transition in South East Asia. He is in charge of facilitating the emergence and coordinating at regional level an Agroecology Learning Alliance, bringing together all relevant stakeholders active in the field of agroecology (CSOs, research centers, government officials, private sector).



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